

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-14 are currently in this application with independent claims 1, 8, 9, 10, and 14 are amended herein. No new matter is added by these amendments.

In the office action the claim 14 is objected to as unclear. The Examiner has proposed an amendment which is generally accepted by the Application and incorporated herein. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

On the merits, claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,466,736 to Chen.

Independent claims 1, 8, 9, 10, and 14 are amended herein to clarify first that the present invention is directed to a gaming system and that that two modes described in the claims are gaming protocols. These ability to transfer between gaming protocols is not taught by the relied upon portions of Chen. Accordingly, it is submitted that independent claims 1, 8, 9, 10, and 14 patentably distinguish over the relied upon portions of Chen and are allowable. Claims 2-7, and 11-13, which depend from one of these allowable base claims are allowable therewith.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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